

RECLAMATION IMPLICATIONS OF OVERLAPPING INDUSTRIES IN SOUTHERN CAMPBELL COUNTY, WYOMING¹

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Abstract: Campbell County in northeastern Wyoming is rich in energy resources. In addition to coal mining that has been present in this region since the early 1900's, the following energy industries have made recent gains into the area, specifically the southern portion of Campbell County:

- Coalbed Methane
- Oil by Directional Drilling/Fracturing
- Uranium
- Coal Gasification
- Underground Coal
- Conventional Oil
- Wind

These resources exist in a lateral and vertical continuum within the geologic landscape. Potential environmental issues are industry specific but can relate unilaterally as well. Since state and federal regulations vary by industry, the overlapping nature of these industries provides challenges in the overall development and monitoring. These regulatory and environmental challenges are outlined.

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